

Some Useful Help Agencies

Samaritans: We are here for you. Every hour, every day, a Samaritan is waiting to answer your call. Please don't suffer in silence. We are here today and always, on freephone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.ie

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: The St. John's Parish helpline number is 086 895 1239. Letters may be addressed to: SVP, The Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny or dropped in the presbytery letter box.

Covid-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to Covid-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice. Open from 8.00am - 8.00pm; call 0818 222 024.

Accord: Call the couples and relationships support line on 01 531 3331, staffed by counsellors Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 8.00pm. Counselling is also available to anyone wanting to talk through a relationship difficulty. Visit the accord.ie website to check for a convenient location and arrange a face to face appointment.

Bereavement Support: Kilkenny Bereavement Support is a voluntary organisation that offers a free listening service to bereaved people of all ages. Because of Covid-19 we are not able to offer face to face meetings. At the moment, we support the bereaved by telephone or by Zoom. Appointment: Call 056 775 6538 or email director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com.

Theology Courses

The Priory Institute Online will hold an Open Day on 19th June for those interested in studying theology from home. People attending our online Open Day here in Tallaght in June can meet with current students and staff over Zoom, attend a short introductory lecture on theology and find out if studying theology with us is the right thing to do. For further information please visit: www.prioryinstitute.com.

Address: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. **Email:** stjohns@ossory.ie

Website: stjohnskilkenny.com

Office: 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline: Thursdays 12.00 noon **SVP Help Line:** 086 895 1239

Fr Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769; Fr Brian Griffin: 087 064 4158; Fr Lorcan Moran: 086 855 0521

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Fr Brian Griffin; Fr Lorcan Moran; Iris O'Flynn; Karna Phelan.

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Mary Weadick; Máirín Bergin; Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

Counseling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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MASS TIMES

St John's – Sundays & Holy Days: Vigil: 6.00pm; Sun: 8.00am, 11.30am & 7.00pm.

Polish Mass: 2nd Sun. Monthly, 1.00pm; **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

The Most Holy Trinity - 30th May 2021

The Most Holy Trinity

Today's Gospel is often referred to as the 'Great Commission'. It contains the instructions of the Risen Jesus to the disciples to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth, to teach and to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. As we celebrate Trinity Sunday today, we pay attention in particular to the very last words of Matthew's Gospel: 'And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' Jesus will be with his followers through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's presence with us.

We read that some of the disciples were hesitant when they encountered Jesus on the mountain. They had lost him to death, and now he was risen and with them again in the flesh. They may have felt they weren't ready or able for the task he was handing over to them. These first disciples were an imperfect group of people, yet Jesus chose them to spread God's vision of love, compassion, and justice throughout the world. Perhaps, like some of the disciples, we are fearful or doubtful. At a time when everything is changing so rapidly, it can be difficult to navigate our own faith journey, never mind communicate it to others. Yet we have Jesus' assurance that he is with us, with the love and strength we need. The Holy Spirit is at work, inspiring and guiding us, shaping our lives, helping us to make the love of God present to all we meet.

A Big Thank You

Post-Primary schools close this weekend, and we strongly encourage our young people to enjoy the Summer, to use the time to further their education outside the classroom – with social interaction, sports, work, and of course prayer – and to take good care to be safe in all their comings and goings, and especially regarding Covid-19. Meanwhile, we think of our young people who prepare for the Leaving Certificate exams and come to make important decisions about their future. We wish you all the very best, and all God's blessings. He has great plans for humanity and is relying on you. A word of thanks to all school staffs. You have been working, from home or at school, under difficult conditions for the past 16 months or so. National School staff will continue in school for another month. Meanwhile, a big thank you to all for making sure that our schools are safe places and for continuing the work of educating our young people for life, and not just for jobs.

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Brigid Lennon, Maddoxtown. Billy Brett, Garden Villas. Chris Lalor, Cuffesgrange.

Anniversaries: Fr Willie Meaney (6.00pm); Philip Morrissey (11.30am); Michael Owens (7.00pm); Bridget Drennan; Christina, Christy & Paddy Walsh; Sarah & Sheila Cleary; Seán Kelly; Michael Cronin; Sally Loughman; Bridget Culleton; David McGrath; Mary Lanigan; Tommy & Bridget & Michael Long; Brigid & Charlie Mallon; Brigid Brennan; Margaret Brennan. *May they rest in peace.*

**Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near;
still loved, still missed and very dear.**

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6.00pm	Ann Daly
8.00am	Martin Blake
10.00am	Fiona & Sarah Manning
11.00am	Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan
11.30am	Paula Rogers
7.00pm	Anne Marie Grace

First Friday Visits

First Fridays are usually associated with visits to the sick and housebound. Frs. Dan, Lorcan and Brian hope to recommence First Friday home visits this week. Fr. Dan will take over the list previously visited by Fr. Frank while Frs. Lorcan and Brian will recommence their previous lists.

Please contact the Parish Office on 056 772 1072 if you or someone known to you would like to be added to the list. Likewise, let us know at the Parish Office if you are anxious about receiving visitors at this time – we will happily defer the visit until a later time.

Tobar na Gaeilge

There will be a Leaving Cert Irish Course running in Johnswell this summer. This course will primarily focus on the Irish Oral Exam and will also feature lessons on grammar, essay writing, comprehension etc. All the benefits of Gaeltacht style classes without having to travel far from home!

Áit/Venue: Johnswell Community Hall, Dáta/Date: 16th - 20th August, Am/Time: 10,00am - 1.00pm

Cost: €80, Uimhir Teangmhála/Contact: Maria 087 667 3302 / Nick 087 225 5751

With Jesus in the Night

As the day ends, Lord, I thank you for what was loving, enjoyable, helpful to others and good in this day. Heal hurts I caused and forgive me. Strengthen my faith in you and in others close to me. Give peace of mind and heart to all I love, though Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday: Fr Willie Meaney (6.00pm)

Sunday: Philip Morrissey (11.30am)
Michael Owens (7.00pm).

Monday: Bridget Drennan; Christina, Christy & Paddy Walsh (10.30am).

Tuesday: Sarah & Sheila Cleary (10.30am).

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Daily Broadcast Mass

Please join us each Sunday and weekday on our Webcam Service, stjohnskilkenny.com, or our Parish Radio Service (106.8 FM).

**Weekdays: 8.00am and 10.30am.
Saturdays: 10.30am and 6.00pm Vigil.
Sundays: 8.00am, 11.30am and 7.00pm.**

All are welcome!

Safeguarding

Ms. Kathleen Sherry has been appointed as the Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and becomes the Designated Liaison Person. She will also be Director of Safeguarding in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. This role has to do with safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Her telephone number is 085 802 1633, and her email address is safeguarding@ossory.ie

Accord

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting people to facilitate on our Marriage Preparation Programmes. We would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in training as a Facilitator with Accord in 2021. For further information call Aisling on 01 505 3112 or visit our website - On becoming a Facilitator with Accord - www.accord.ie

One Line Wisdom

- ◆ Opponents are not always enemies.
- ◆ Contact your friends often. Weeds grow on unused paths.
- ◆ Genuine listening requires a courageous open mind.
- ◆ Faced with so much change, we need discernment and decision, not defence and denial.
- ◆ Others' love for you is God's gentle helping hand on your shoulder.
- ◆ God will not ask the size of your home. He will ask how many people you invited in.
- ◆ God promises believers a safe landing but not a smooth passage.
- ◆ Jesus does not call just believers. He calls disciples who will follow him through suffering love to the cross